

also stands apart from other public-school districts as one of only two federally operated K-12 school systems.

As a result, while it is within the federal government's purview to implement the proposed requirements for DoDEA schools under this legislation, these proposed requirements would be inappropriate to impose on traditional public school districts. This is a unique exception in our education system. Moving forward, Congress must continue to ensure that state and local governments can meet the unique needs of their students and parents without mandating requirements regarding the rights of parents.

While I support the overall passage of NDAA, I remain opposed to these three provisions.

HONORING THE CAREER OF JIM TATE HILL

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2022

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Tate Hill, who dedicated his career to music, academics, and serving.

Jim Tate Hill started his career in 1970 when he decided to give his life to Christ. He began his training at St. Paul Church of God in Christ (COGIC) in Bakersfield, California and continued his education. He attended college and received his Bachelor's degree in Music Education from the University of Pacific's Conservatory of Music. Jim's passion in music influenced his service to the community and through the church.

He served as the choir director at Glad Tidings COGIC and in 1981, Jim soon grew in different roles. He was the Lead Deacon, Sunday School Superintendent, Minister of Music, and Assistant Pastor at Bethel Temple COGIC. Under Jim's leadership as pastor of Bethel Temple, there were many issues that Jim felt needed to be addressed, such as youth and early education, homelessness, and community revitalization. With his California-license in general contracting, Jim has assisted in building and remodeling over 20 churches between Madera and Bakersfield.

In 2006, Jim was entrusted to be in the leading role as Superintendent of the Central Valley District. That same year, he was recognized by his contributions to education as one of the inaugural recipients of the African-American Heritage Award. During those 41 years, he worked under three District Superintendents as the Minister of Music, Sunday School Superintendent, and as the Assistant District Superintendent. In 2019, Bethel Temple opened Early Readers Preschool, a full preschool and daycare center, the only one of its kind located at a church in southwest Fresno.

Jim's character and work ethic elevated him to various roles throughout his life. He was recognized for his hard work and for creating impacts in the community. He was one of four inaugural recipients to receive the Excellence of Service medal by Bishop Samuel Doyle at the 43rd Annual Jurisdictional Holy Convocation in 2013. In 2020, Jim was elevated by Bishop Doyle to 2nd Admin. Assistant of the California Valley Jurisdiction and Chair of the Southern Region.

Jim has a B.A. in Music Education from the University of Pacific's Conservatory of Music. He has introduced both kindergarteners and high school students, to music ranging from classical to gospel for nearly 40 years in southwest Fresno. His high school and middle school choirs and bands have performed in California Music Educators Association festivals and competitions.

Jim has been happily married to Missionary Carla Hill for 45 years. Together, they have three children: Tate II, Paul, and Candice, and nine grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the career of Jim Tate Hill and may we continue to be inspired by his many contributions in the community.

CONGRATULATING CAPTAIN RICHARD RAMSAY ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE COLONA FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Richard Ramsay who is retiring from the Colona Fire Department after 20 years of service.

Captain Ramsay joined the Colona Fire Department two decades ago with a passion for keeping his neighbors safe. He served many roles throughout his tenure with the department, including Firefighter, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Hazardous Material Technician, Safety Officer, and Special Teams Leader. His experience and reliability helped the department soar to new heights. He was a consummate professional with impeccable character, unafraid to tackle danger head on, no matter the circumstance. Captain Ramsay's impact on the Colona Fire Department and the surrounding Quad Cities region is unquestionable. I wish him and his family well as he transitions into this next chapter of life.

It is because of valiant and selfless leaders such as Captain Richard Ramsay that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to, again, formally congratulate Colona Fire Department Captain Richard Ramsay on his retirement and thank him for his 20 years of service to the Colona community.

RECOGNIZING ALL AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICALS IN MONTANA

HON. MATTHEW M. ROSENDALE, Sr.

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2022

Mr. ROSENDALE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the great American ingenuity coming out of Montana this month. All American Pharmaceuticals in Billings, Montana, have developed a new baby formula to provide relief from the shortage ravaging our nation.

Unfortunately, Biden's FDA gatekeepers are requiring them to jump through endless bureaucratic hoops to get mouths fed. The FDA licensed their company to manufacture—but not to sell.

If the Biden administration doesn't find long-term relief for our Nation's economic and supply chain issues, we are going to see more suffering Americans and more essential goods sitting in factories.

These Montanans are salt-of-the-earth, shirt-off-your-back people serving their neighbors. I commend All American Pharmaceuticals for their hard work, as well as all the nonprofits and charities in Montana supporting families and babies in crisis.

We need more innovators in Montana, and fewer gatekeepers in Washington.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOSEPH T. LETTELLEIR III

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2022

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of St. Petersburg legend, Joe Lettelreir, who was a giant in Pinellas County and left his indelible mark on everything he did whether a military veteran, business entrepreneur, respected banker, or prominent developer.

Joe moved to St. Petersburg in 1948 and attended Northeast High School where he met the love of his life, Becky. He attended Indiana University for college and served in the U.S. Army after graduation.

A man of many careers, he served as Senior Executive Vice President of Florida Federal Savings and Loan, Founder of Bay Development and Bayside Savings and Loan, and owner/operator of Paradise Lakes Resort. Most recently, Joe served as President and CEO of Contemporary Housing Alternatives of Florida (CHAF), a non-profit focused on providing affordable housing solutions in the region.

Joe was a well-known leader in St. Pete and proudly led countless boards and committees, including the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce, Shorecrest Preparatory School Board of Trustees, AMIKids, Quarterback Club, St. Pete Dragons, the St. Petersburg Housing Authority, and Concerned Citizens (STOP the Lens).

Through his advocacy efforts, especially on banking and housing issues, Joe befriended countless elected officials and public servants including my dear friend, the late Congressman C.W. Bill Young and Freddy St. Germain.

While the body of his professional and charitable work was a source of pride, Joe's most meaningful work is the beautiful family he created with his wonderful wife of 56 years, Becky. Joe and Becky have three loving children, Mark, Amy and Matt; and precious grandchildren, Ryan, Riley and Reece Lettelreir, and Megan and Jake Freedman to whom he was known as "Pa." He was a fixture at nearly every football, basketball, and baseball game, dance recital, cheerleading competition, and any opportunity to show his love and support for his children and grandchildren. He was also respected and cherished as a father figure to many of his children's friends, who always sought out his wisdom and guidance.

Joe, with Becky by his side, travelled the world, including all 50 states. Most visited during long road trips on America's backroads that he loved so much.